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LOK SABHA

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NATIONAL DISASTER MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY
Kharventhan Shri Salarapatty Kuppusamy

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) has started functioning;

(b) if so, the main functions thereof;

(c) whether the NDMA has formulated any scheme to minimize the dangers in the event of natural disasters in the country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY)

(a): The National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) started functioning w.e.f. 28.9.2005 following the appointment of the Vice Chairperson and Members.

(b): The main functions of the National Disaster Management Authority are to lay down the plans and policies for disaster management. The Authority may:-

(i) lay down policies on disaster management;

(ii) approve the National Disaster Management Plan;

(iii) approve plans prepared by the Ministries and Departments of the Government in accordance with the National Disaster management Plan;

(iv) lay down guidelines to be followed by a State Authority in drawing up the State Plan;

(v) lay down guidelines to be followed by different Ministries and Departments of the Government of India for the purpose of integrating the measures for prevention of disaster or the mitigation of its effects in their development plans and projects;

(vi) coordinate the enforcement and implementation of the policies and plans for disaster management;

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(vii) arrange for, and oversee, the provision of funds for mitigation measures, preparedness and response;

(viii) provide such support to other countries affected by a major disaster as may be determined by the Central Government;

(ix) lay down guidelines for the minimum standards of relief to be provided to persons affected by disaster, which shall include:-

- the minimum requirements to be provided in the relief camps in relation to shelter, food, drinking water, medical cover and sanitation;

- the special provisions to be made for widows and orphans

- ex-gratia assistance on account of loss of life as also assistance on account of damage to houses and for restoration of means of livelihood; and

- such other relief as may be necessary.

(x) give directions regarding relief in loan repayment or for grant of fresh loans on such concessional terms as may be appropriate in the judgement of the Authority;

(xi) take such other measures for the prevention of disaster, of the mitigation of its effects, or for preparedness and capacity building for dealing with the threatening disaster situation or disaster as it may consider necessary.

(c) & (d): NDMA is presently interacting with various departments, institutes, organizations and experts. No specific scheme has been formulated by NDMA so far.